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1. Specification, abstract and claims (5 independent, 17 dependent, 22 total) (18 pages);
2. Informal drawings (3 figures, 3 sheets);
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney;
4. Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status - Independent Inventor;
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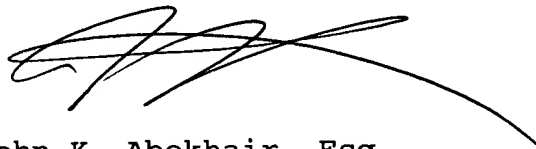
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I hereby certify that the patent application of Dale Burns for a **ELECTRONIC COUPON PROCESSING SYSTEM** including the specification, abstract, and claims (5 independent, 17 dependent, 22 total) (18 pages); informal drawings (3 figures, 3 sheets); declaration and power of attorney; Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity status - Independent Inventor; and a check in the amount of \$499.00 (\$395.00 for filing fee, \$82.00 for excess independent claims and \$22.00 for excess claims, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service for "Express Mail" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and are addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.



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